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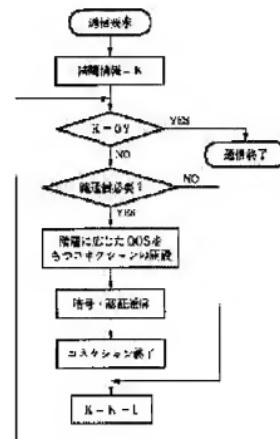
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(54) COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, SYSTEM AND METHOD

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To utilize a characteristic such as information and importance of service by providing a means that decides communication quality so that the quality of encryption and authentication communication relating to a higher layer is higher than the quality of encryption and authentication communication relating to a lower layer.

SOLUTION: This equipment is composed of a QOS (quality of service) setting means conducting a QOS request setting means being a connection open realize means having QOS depending on each layer and a QOS storage means that receives hierarchical information and stores corresponding QOS as a table. On the occurrence of a communication request, at first highest quality QOS is requested and set based on hierarchical information K. The connection is in use and encryption and authentication communication is conducted with a highest master key. After the encryption and authentication communication is finished, the connection is closed. Then the hierarchical information K is being decreased one by one and the connection depending on the layer is requested and set again and the operation is repeated and when K reaches 0, the communication is terminated.



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